For immediate release Thursday, December 1, 2011

Director Arsh Stepping Down After Distinguished Career in Public Utilities

Columbus Public Utilities Director Tatanya Arsh announced today she is stepping down as director of Columbus Public Utilities, where she has served Columbus and Central Ohio residents for 15 years. Director Arsh began her career in Public Utilities as a project engineer, and was named director by Mayor Michael B. Coleman in 2006. Director Arsh informed Mayor Coleman this week she is ready for new opportunities in the private sector.

"The residents of Columbus and the entire region are better off today because of the service of Tanya Arsh," Mayor Coleman said. "Under her leadership we have seen cleaner water, a stronger sewer system and a more efficient department. It has been a pleasure to have her as a member of my cabinet, and I know she will be successful in her next endeavor."

Director Arsh will assist Mayor Coleman and the department to ensure a successful transition under a new director.

"It has been an honor to serve the people of Columbus, and a pleasure to serve with the great men and women of Columbus Public Utilities, and I thank Mayor Coleman for giving me this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Director Arsh said. "This department is successful because of the hard work of people at every level of Public Utilities, and I will miss working alongside them. Even as I begin the next phase of my career, I will always consider the Department of Public Utilities part of my family."

_ _ _